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UM PANEL ADDRESSES WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION

MISSOULA —

The University of Montana will host "The World Trade Organization: A Panel Discussion of Its History, Purpose and Impacts on Society" on Wednesday, Nov. 17. The event is scheduled for 6 to 8 p.m. in UM's Urey Lecture Hall.

The WTO is the only international organization dealing with global rules of trade among nations. Panelist will discuss the organization and upcoming, controversial WTO meetings in Seattle that will create international trade and investment agreements.

The panelists offer a variety of backgrounds and expertise. They will critique the WTO from legal, environmental and labor perspectives. A question-and-answer session will follow their presentations.

The panelists are David Aronofsky, UM legal counsel; Joanna Shelton, former U.S. special trade representative; Steve Siebert, forestry associate professor; and Pattie Keebler, communications director for the Montana AFL-CIO. Political science Associate Professor Paul Haber will moderate.

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